

Ela Township News



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New Youth Center Reopens

In January, 2003, Ela Township opened the doors of the new Youth Drop-In Center, called "The Attic." Located on the top floor of the Ela Town Hall in Lake Zurich, "The Attic" was aptly named.

On March 1, 2004, the Ela Township Youth Center moved to its new home at the Foglia YMCA, 1025 South Old McHenry Road, Lake Zurich. The Youth Center at the Foglia YMCA is open when school is in session from after school to 6 p.m. There is a one-time fee of \$5 for the school year; otherwise, there is no charge to

use the Youth Center. Students must register at the Foglia YMCA before coming to the Youth Center.

Middle School age students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, from all Ela Township area schools, are invited to hang out in two very large rooms at the Foglia YMCA, watch big screen TV, play air hockey, foosball, listen to music, have a snack, including Internet access. Also, students can meet for group projects, or get an early start on their homework. It's all good!

To get to the Foglia YMCA, get a signed note from your parent,

hop on the bus at the South or North School, and the bus will drop you off at the Foglia YMCA.

Five Top Reasons to Drop in at the New Youth Center

1. You get to hang out with your friends in two very large rooms.
2. Plenty of fun things to do ... Internet access, big screen TV, Play Station, foosball, ping pong, and air hockey.
3. For non-YMCA members, you can participate in daily activities that give you extra places to

hangout and use, such as the gym, the pool, the climbing wall, and more.

4. For YMCA members, you can participate in the planned daily activities or use the YMCA like a regular member.

5. You could get your homework done early! (Well, you could!)

For lots of other good reasons to come to the new Ela Township Youth Center, call the Foglia YMCA at 1-847-438-5300, and ask for Tim Tommaso, Youth Program Director; e-mail Tim at ttommaso@ymcachgo.org

Ela Township Launches Web Site

ELATOWNSHIP-IL.GOV – <http://elatownship-il.gov> – is where you will find the new, official Ela Township Web site, where residents can go to learn more about Township Meetings and Events, and find out more about our many services ... from Youth programs to our Senior Programs, and look up Township Departments, Financials, and Contact Information.

"We put a lot of thought into the design of the Web site, to make it

informative and easy find your way around, with a simple, easy-to-navigate design structure," says Tom Huntsha, Webmaster.



You will find out who are the committee chairpersons ... learn how to apply for senior property tax exemptions ... find a listing of who's who at the Township. We have much good information at the Web site, including a little history, and much more about we are doing today to serve our residents' needs.

Cultural Arts Connection starts Web site, calls for Artists & Performers

Check out Cultural Arts Connection's new website at www.culturalartsconnection.org. "We are very excited about developing the website to better inform our community about cultural happenings and opportunities in the arts," says Executive Director Barbara Evans. With the advice of community members and Illinois Arts Alliance, an arts advocacy organization, Cultural Arts Connection developed the website to help the community better plan for and publicize cultural events.

Cultural Arts Connection is also pleased to announce the following opportunities for residents:

- Ela Fine Arts Show at the Deer Park Town Centre on Saturday,

June 5 from 10 am to 4 pm. Come enjoy the variety and quality of 60 fine artists. The Student Art Exhibit & Sale will also be a part of the show.

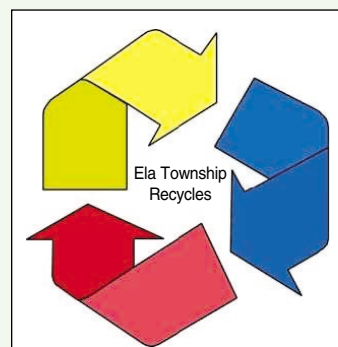
- Performing artists needed for summer concert series. For more information call 847-540-1919.

Cultural Arts Connection is a 501(c)3 nonprofit arts council committed to the cultural, social, educational, and economic growth of Ela area communities through support and encouragement of artists and the arts. CAC meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Ela Area Public Library. All interested artists, event presenters, and arts advocates are welcome!

Dedication of Lake Zurich Veterans Monument on Memorial Day

The Lake Zurich Veterans Monument will be dedicated on Monday, May 31, Memorial Day. In lieu of the usual Memorial Day Parade down Main Street, the parade will start at 10 a.m. from the Lake Zurich American Legion Hall, 51 Lions Drive, and proceed down Old Rand Road to Mohawk Trail and the area in front of the Lake Zurich Police Facility, where the monument has been erected.

It is anticipated that there will be Military units as well as Veterans representing the Lake Zurich Area. The usual Memorial Day Ceremonies, Rifle Salute and Taps, and a ceremony for fallen members of the Police Department will also be held in connection with the dedication of the monument. After the ceremony, there will be an open house and refreshments at the Lake Zurich Police Facility.



Township Starts 2004 Drop-off Recycling Program

The Ela Township Highway Department is again having a recycling program for Ela Township Residents. Beginning on Saturday, April 17, 2004, these events will be held on the third Saturday of the month, from April through October, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., at the Highway Department Garage located at 23605 North Echo Lake Road.

The following is a list of the items we will and will not be accepting:

Accepted Materials:

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| Oil based Paint | Latex Paint |
| Oil | Branches* |
| Household batteries (alkaline, rechargeable) | Lead-acid batteries |

*NOTE: Branches not to exceed six (6) inches in diameter; branches exceeding six inches will not be accepted.

Materials not Accepted:

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| Solvents | Household cleaners |
| Antifreeze | Pool chemicals |
| Aerosol products | Paint remover |
| Lacquer | Driveway sealer |
| Garbage | Grass clippings |
| | Lawn & Garden chemicals |

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 17, 2004, and at the other upcoming recycling events: May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, and October 16, 2004. If you have any questions, or would like more information please call the Highway Department office 1-847-438-2371 to talk to Bill or Joanne.

Ela Township Board Meeting Dates & Times for 2004

Thursday, April 8

Thursday, May 13

Thursday, June 10

Thursday, July 8

Thursday, August 12

Thursday, September 9

Thursday, October 14

Thursday, November 11

Thursday, December 9

All board meetings will be held at the Village of Lake Zurich's Board Meeting Room, located at 70 East Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at 7 p.m. at the Ela Township Senior Center at the Foglia YMCA, 1025 S. Old McHenry Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

From the Ela Township C.E.O. – Supervisor



Kimberly Tinerella

As the spring season approaches so does the township's annual town meeting (Tuesday, April 13th) and our new fiscal year begins on April 1st. Our budget process for 2004/05 is under way with the public hearing is scheduled for April 8th. The budget for the entire township will see a reduction of about \$1,000,000 from last year's \$7,000,000 budget. We are able to *significantly reduce the operating expenses without decreasing services* because last year's budget contained several one-time expenditures: storm water improvements in unincorporated areas, general assistance transfers/reserves and the purchase of a new township bus to back-up the three buses provided by PACE for our weekday service. The township revenues come predominately from property taxes,

however, we also receive revenue from our Pace bus grant and ridership fees (\$110,000), road district intergovernmental contracts to provide services for villages within our township (\$85,000), Ela 55 Plus programming and meal fees (\$65,000) and interest income. In the proposed budget for next year, we are estimating total revenues of \$2,700,000 and expenditures of \$6,000,000. Therefore, we will continue to operate in a deficit fashion as we spend down the \$2,500,000 surplus which is allocated for the purchase of land for a third township park. If the proposed budget of \$6,000,000 is fully expended next year, the township will *only be able to fund new projects and services by reducing spending on existing programs, obtaining grants or going to referendum in an attempt to increase property taxes. Hence, the need for a 5-10 year plan is becoming a critical*

issue that needs to be addressed this year. The township's overall strategy continues to promote collaboration, sharing resources, decentralizing operations and outsourcing services. During the past year we have been successful in executing specific plans to support this strategy. Specifically, we have *collaborated* with the Foglia YMCA and School District #95 to provide a fun, safe, and "free" after school program for our middle school students; we have *decentralized* the township bus service by moving it to the road district garage (it used to be operated out of the administration office) and, by *sharing personnel resources* with the road district to provide both maintenance, dispatch and administration functions and; the township website is now operational and this will enable us the opportunity to *reduce the cost* of both township newsletters (currently our bi-monthly senior programming newsletter and the quarterly township newsletter cost \$50,000 per year expenditure).

We are also continuing with our efforts to acquire up to 25 acres of a centrally located piece of land in unincorporated Lake Zurich (the northwest corner of Route #22 and Quentin Road). This endeavor has provided the township an opportunity to work more closely with the Villages of Lake Zurich and Kildeer, as well as Dartmoor Homes who has plans to build 67 homes south of this proposed park, as well as the Cumming's family who own the property. The township began the acquisition efforts a year ago and we hope to be able to reach a fair and equitable arrangement with all parties *outside* of a Lake County courtroom. As always, we welcome your feedback and value your input. Please feel free to contact us, stop by the office, attend a board meeting or simply surf our website to learn more about what the township does and how we are serving the needs of our residents. ☺

Kimberly Tinerella
Ela Township Supervisor

From the Ela Township Clerk



Lucy Prouty

Dear Ela Township Residents, By the time you receive this, we will have Christmas, New Year's Day, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and the primary election all behind us. Spring is just around the corner, because I have already seen quite a

few robins and swans. If you are in the "55 plus" range, why not come out and join our Golf outings. They are held usually the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Chapel Hill Golf Course in Johnsburg, IL. The dates will be listed in the upcoming Senior Newsletter, the Ela Township "55 Plus." This invitation is also for woman and not just

men. And we have some nice prizes and every one is eligible to win because we use a Peoria system to tally the scores. And again if there are any other more desirable dates, that would fit your schedules, please give me a call at 1-847-438-7826. The General Primary Election will probably be decided by this time and we will know who will be running in the General Election which will be held on November 2, 2004. Voters Registration will resume on March 18th, 2004. So if you have

moved or changed your address and want to vote in General Election in November, please come into the Township and re-register. I look forward to talking to all Ela Township residents when I see you out and about enjoying the Spring (and hopefully on the Golf Course too) and I'll write again in the Summer edition of the Ela Township News. Think Spring!

Lucy Prouty
Ela Township Clerk

From the Ela Township Trustee



Michael P. Sullivan

We at the Township are working hard to bring you services that you asked for. Your support is always appreciated. The bus service is growing and working smoothly now that it is running out of the Highway Department. We are even able to

help the Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce bus exhibitors to the "Y" who had booths at Expo 2004. Keep up the good work, Bill. We are finalizing the budget. We have put in many long hours on this budget. It will only be approved when we all agree to it. The budget process starts with the Supervisor and the board tweaks the numbers as needed. When

the Supervisor okays a final budget, we will vote to approve it. The Township is moving along on many of your suggested projects. These all take time and money. We continue to consider the merits of each of them. The taxes you pay the Township continue to be one of the lowest on your tax bill, and we want to make sure you get the most from every dollar. We are proud of that and will continue to do so. We can't do everything and support everyone. That is impossible. We some-

times have to say no. We try to pick those projects most needed and that give more to Ela residents. You may not be aware of this, but many Townships don't have the money to support social services. We have watched our dollars closely and we will continue to support the needs of the Township. Have a great summer and don't hesitate to give any of us a call.

Michael P. Sullivan
Ela Township Trustee

From Ela Township Trustee



Brian Burch

The Ela Township Board has just will soon be completed voting for funding for organizations who have requested funds. We have are carefully reviewed reviewing each expenditure in an attempt to get the biggest bang for our tax dollars. I want you to know how I will be voting on several of these controversial expenditures and why. When I pay my taxes I pay a lump sum without great attention to how those tax dollars are broken down. I expect my public officials to disperse those funds carefully and honestly to make them go as far as possible toward the common good. The Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District is currently strapped for tax resources. Eventually this deficiency will work itself out but right now they need some assistance from their con-

stituents. I will be voting for their \$60,000.00 request for updates to their four (4) onboard defribulator systems because the Northwest Community Hospital System of which they are members has mandated that these systems be in place by December of 2004. Our firefighters, like our military, must continue to have the tools they need to deliver the best medical care that they can. This equipment has and will save lives and we can not place a dollar value on even one life that could have been saved had that equipment been in place. As a taxpayer I don't care which entity on my tax bill covers this expense and Ela Township has the tax resources to pay this expense at this time because we put \$ 80,000.00 in the budget for a township social worker and that position has not been filled. If my fellow Board members agree, your township

tax dollars may now save the life of one of your family members or neighbors and may God continue to bless our firefighters and paramedics. I will also be voting for the grant expenditure to pay overtime for our Police and Fire Officers to train our community Police and fire Fire Explorers in Post 2. I founded this organization in 1996 and have worked with this great group of our finest youth on a weekly basis since its inception. I will personally not receive one penny of this funding but I understand that the funding has been cut from the Lake Zurich budget for the continuation of this program and these young people are dedicated to community service and need our help. We I will also be voting to continue funding for Omni to aid in their programs for the youth in our community. Some of the young people that with whom Omni works with are those who for various reasons have fallen on the wrong side of our laws. Our Explorers are not these individu-

als and our good kids deserve our funding for their programs too. The funding for Omni, unfortunately, will most likely be cut 50% from years past and I challenge Omni to stretch the value of this grant. I would like to thank Eagle Scout Candidate Charlie Johnson for completing his Eagle Scout Project of framing and displaying hundreds of police patches in the Lake Zurich Police Department hallways. I would like to congratulate Eagle Scout Candidate Giovanni Etling for placing four park benches in Knigggee Park and Eagle Scout Derek Malinowski for placing four benches in Knox Park. I extend my appreciation to Eagle Candidate Alex Herrick who has completed his project of providing physical therapy equipment for our friends at the Lexington Health Care Center. You folks make me proud.

Brian Burch
Ela Township Trustee

From the Ela Township Assessor



Pamela J. Hoffman

Dear Friends and Neighbors,
Another assessment cycle has come and gone, and I want to thank you for all your patience and understanding during this busy time. The job of an Assessor is not an easy one. The statutory duties of the Assessor are as follows:

- 1) To locate and identify all property within the Township.
- 2) Create an inventory of all taxable property, including quantity, quality, and characteristics such as fire-place, air conditioning, etc.
- 3) Classify each property
- 4) Estimate the market value of each property.
- 5) Prepare and certify the assessment roll.
- 6) Defend assessments at the appeals level.

The ultimate purpose of the assessed value is to proportion the tax burden, as established by the taxing bodies. The School District, Library, Township, and Villages, etc., levy for the monies they need, which creates the tax burden. The assessed value determines the share each taxpayer is obligated to pay.

The Assessor must turn in assessments equal to 33.33% of market value. If 33.33% is not achieved locally, then the Chief County Assessment

Official applies an equalization factor to bring the Township assessments up to the statutory level of 33.33%.

The taxation process can be extremely complicated. We at the Assessors office will always do our best to help you understand your assessment and the appeal process that follows.

It is important to check you tax bill to insure you have received all the exemptions for which you are entitled.

HOMESTEAD LIMITED EXEMPTION

This exemption lowers the equalized assessed value of your property by \$3500. To receive this exemption, you must:

- Property must be owner occupied.
- Owner must have resided on the property on or before January 1 of the tax year.

The Township Assessor's office initiates this exemption.

HOMESTEAD IMPROVEMENT EXEMPTION

This exemption defers for four years any increase up to the \$15,000 limit in the assessment of your property due to an addition or other improvement to your home for which the Township assessor would value.

- Must be owner occupied.
- A maximum of \$15,000 of assessed value may be deferred under this

program.

The Township Assessor's office initiates this exemption.

SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

This exemption lowers the equalized assessed value of your property by \$2,000, and may be claimed in addition to the Homestead Limited exemption. To receive this exemption, you must:

- Have lived on the property on or before January 1 of the tax year.
- Have reached age 65 during the tax year.
- Apply for the exemption at the Township Assessor's office. You will need to bring a copy of the deed to the property and proof of age with you when you apply.
- This exemption must be renewed annually.

SENIOR CITIZENS TAX FREEZE

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

This exemption freezes the assessment on your property, but does not freeze the tax rate. This exemption may be claimed in addition to those described above. You need to understand that the actual taxes, which you pay, may continue to increase based upon the amounts levied by the taxing bodies where you reside (school districts, park district, village or city, township, etc).

The filing deadline for this exemption is September 15 of each year.

- To receive this exemption you must:
- Have fulfilled a property residency

requirement as explained on the application form.

- Be age 65 or older.
- Have a maximum household income of \$40,000. This includes the income of all persons using the property as their principal residence on January 1 of the tax year.

Obtain an application for this exemption at the Township Assessor's office. Your completed application must be notarized and returned to:

Chief County Assessment Office
18 N. County
Waukegan, IL 60085

If you receive the Senior Homestead exemption, an application form will be mailed to you automatically. This exemption must be renewed annually.

We have initiated another avenue for communication by allowing you to fax requests for information directly to our office. Our fax number is 847-438-6880. We are open during lunch for your convenience. Our hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. If these hours are not convenient for you, please call the office to make other arrangements.

You can find a wealth of information on Lake County's Government web site: www.co.lake.il.us

Have a great spring!

Pamela J. Hoffman, C.I.A.O
Ela Township Assessor

From Ela Township Trustee



Mimi Black

Ah, Spring! At last it's here; this is a time of renewal and hope for us all.

There are lots of new things in the Township this Spring: a

new location for the youth program (formally at Ela Town Hall, now at the Foglia YMCA), a newly improved soccer field near the Ela Township Highway Department, and a soon to be hired social worker for a new Township-wide

program. Some of the other new things in the area include a monument honoring military veterans near the Ela Area Public Library, a new addition to the high school, and a new forest preserve called Heron Creek at the south west corner of Old McHenry and Route 22. Spring is the time for being outside to enjoy a warm sunny day!

The Township Board is busy working on the new budget which will include provisions for upcoming programs and events for Township residents.

Best wishes for a wonderful Spring!

Mimi Black
Ela Township Trustee

From Ela Township Highway Commissioner



Bill Kruckenberg

Hello, residents. Spring is here bringing our busy season to the highway department.

We will start our road projects soon. The proposed projects will be repaving of the north side of Echo Lake Subdivision and Miller Road. Storm water projects will be 1) from Echo Lake Road to High Ridge Road, 2) Anna Court culvert replacement, 3) Shirley Lane under-drain and ditching from Quentin School to Plum Grove Road, 4) Re-ditching and new culverts through out Valentine Manor Subdivision. Please remember to slow down in the work zones.

The mosquito abatement program will continue this year with Clarke

Mosquito Control. Also the Highway Department will be placing "mosquito briquets" (Altosid) in the storm sewer manholes throughout the road district. This "larviciding" controls the mosquitoes in their egg stage.

The Highway Department will continue with the recycling program that was started last year. It was a great success. Starting April and continuing thru to October, the 3rd Saturday of each month we will be taking oil and latex paint, motor oil, lead-acid batteries, household batteries and tree brush from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. See Recycling article for a listing of dates and times.

The three budgets that I am responsible for have been reduced

greatly from last year's budgets, General Road Fund -42%, Permanent Road Fund -7% and Senior Busing -21%). The major reductions are due to our department continuing to do work and maintenance in-house (including the buses) as well as a completion of a major storm water project. The bus budget reduction is a reflection of no new buses this year and maintenance.

The Highway Department has increased its revenue from intergovernmental agreements from the Villages of Deer Park, Kildeer and Long Grove. This is the first time Ela Township Highway Department has had intergovernmental agreements to create income. We are performing road maintenance at a lower cost to the Villages and bringing in extra revenue to our department. This is a

win-win situation for everyone. These moneys will be earmarked for improvements in Ela Road District. This last fiscal year over \$85,000 was received from the intergovernmental agreements.

Notice to all Residents who Burn

Do not burn anything in the ditch ways or on the road. The new storm pipes are PVC (plastic), which will melt. Burning in the ditch way also creates erosion after the grass is burned. The soil then washes downstream and fills other ditches, lakes and ponds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at my new e-mail address ELAHWYDEPT@COM-CAST.NET or call 847-438-2371.

Bill Kruckenberg
Ela Township Highway Commissioner

Ela Township Dial-a-Ride Bus Service

The Ela Township Dial-a-Ride Bus Service is available to all residents age 55 and older, and to persons with disabilities of any age, who reside within Ela Township. Bill Kruckenberg, Ela Township Highway Commissioner, operates and maintains the Ela Township

Dial-a-Ride Bus Service. The Bus Service staff consists of two full time and three part time bus drivers as well as a dispatcher who works part time for the Highway Department.

The Dial-a-Ride bus fare for a one-way trip within Ela Township is

\$1 – a round trip is \$2. There is no extra charge for additional quick stops, such as the bank, library drop-off, cleaners, et cetera, but you must advise dispatcher of any extra stops when you call to schedule your ride.

Call the bus service dispatch

phone number, 1-847-438-6677, at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride. Schedule all appointments between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please be ready one hour ahead of your appointment time so our drivers can get you to your location in a timely manner.

**Ela Township
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Friday: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
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Assessor's Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday:
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Friday: 8:00AM – 1:00PM

The Township Office, is located at the intersection of Route 22 and Church/Midlothian Street. Address: 99 East Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL 60047

ELA TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT
Bill Kruckenberg, Highway Commissioner
847.438.2371
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Road District Hours:
Monday – Friday:
7:00AM – 3:30PM
23605 Echo Lake Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

ELA TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER
Sue Neuschel, Senior Program Director
847.438.9160

Senior Center Hours:
Monday – Friday:
8:00AM – 3:30PM

The Ela Township Senior Center is located at the Foglia YMCA (lower level). Address: 1025 Old McHenry Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047

ELA TOWNSHIP YOUTH CENTER
Tim Tommaso, Program Director
847.438.5300
Email: ttommaso@ymcachgo.org

Youth Center Hours:(open only on days when school is in session)
Monday – Friday: after school to 6PM
Ela Township Youth Center is located at the Foglia YMCA, 1025 South Old Mchenry Road, Lake Zurich

DIAL-A-RIDE BUS SERVICE
847.438.6677

From the Director of Senior & Adult Services

Sue Neuschel

We have a rich variety of Ela Township “55 Plus ” programming for our active and vibrant mature adults that includes trips, special events, education, sports, health, and games. I would like to share with you two highlights from the events and trips that we will be enjoying in the near future.

Planetarium and Geja’s trip, Thursday, April 22, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ela Township “55 Plus” will tour the Planetarium and enjoy the newest StarRider Theater Show entitled “The Future Is Wild.” This show has been highlighted on local radio and television shows for its innovation.

Our meal will be at the famous Geja’s Fondue Restaurant. Our premiere dinner includes Creamy Cheese Fondue, served with bread apples and grapes accompanied by

a salad with house dressing. The entrée fondue will be the aged beef tenderloin, jumbo shrimp and tender boneless chicken breast all served with assorted vegetables and dipping sauces. Our dessert will be dark Belgium chocolate fondue, with marshmallows for roasting and assorted fruits for dipping. Coffee and soft drinks will be included.

The cost for deluxe transportation, show, tour and luncheon is \$38.00 per member and \$43.00 per guest. (Membership in Ela Township “55 Plus” is free to residents).

Ethnic Salad Bowl Tour, Downtown Chicago, Thursday, May 6, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This tour includes a freshly baked specialty from a local bakery. We also will enjoy a tour of Hull House, Chinatown, and a local Ukrainian Church. Our Oriental

luncheon will be served family style at a Chicago landmark restaurant, the Three Happiness Restaurant. Our meal will consist of egg roll, friend rice, sweet and sour chicken, beef with vegetables, white rice, fortune cookie, and tea. The cost for deluxe transportation, tour, and luncheon is \$38.00 per member and \$43.00 per guest.

Call us at 1-847-438-9160 for more information, ask for a free subscription to the Ela “55 Plus” newsletter to receive the complete list of our upcoming trips and events, or join us at the Ela Township Senior Center, at the Foglia YMCA, 1025 S. Old McHenry Road, Lake Zurich, Illinois.

Sincerely,
Sue Neuschel
Director of Senior & Adult Services

Gloria Bauer Heramb
February 26, 1942 – September 12, 2003

In the September, 2003, issue of the Ela Township News, we briefly reported the loss of a dear friend, Gloria Bauer Heramb. The more lengthy article that we promised on Gloria’s life follows.

The Lake Zurich community is deeply saddened to learn of the death of the President of The Ela Historical Society, Gloria B. Heramb (nee Bauer), 61, of Barrington, formerly of Lake Zurich, Illinois.

Gloria was born Feb 26,1942, in Elgin, Illinois, and grew up in Lake Zurich. In high school, she served as Honored Queen in Job’s Daughters and graduated from Ela-Vernon High School in 1960. After receiving her BS in Biology from Augustana College in Rock Island, she tested pharmaceuticals for Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago, Illinois.

In 1965 Gloria married Richard (Dick) Heramb, Jr., in Lake Zurich, and the couple began a tour of duty in the Navy. They lived in San Diego for a year, then on to Sidi Yahia, Morocco, for 3 years, where Gloria became the Base Librarian. Next they were transferred to Totsuka, Japan, for 4 years; Gloria served as Worthy Matron of the Orient Chapter of the Order of

Easter Star. Studying Flower Arrangement in the Ikenobo School, Gloria attained the level of Instructor and thus began her love affair with flowers.

Leaving the Navy in 1974, the Herambs moved back to Lake Zurich. Gloria became a dedicated and tireless volunteer in this community, as well as teacher at Harper and Lake County Colleges. In 1976 the Ela Historical Society was established as part of America’s Bi-Centennial Celebration in Lake Zurich and Gloria was instrumental in their progress.

Working with Ela Township and the Village of Lake Zurich, she guided them in honoring several residents, naming a new school and stabling the new Promenade on the Lake Zurich sea wall. She also served as Worthy Matron three times in Lake Zurich Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

After over 25 years working in various areas of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, Gloria was elected President of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, installed in April, 2003, also serving on the Board of the National Garden Clubs. As the President of the Lake Zurich Garden Club, Gloria added greatly

to the beautification of many public areas in Lake Zurich, as well as the State of Illinois. The Lake Zurich Garden Club will be planting a flowering tree at the new Spencer Loomis Elementary School the spring in Gloria’s honor.

Gloria was a tireless worker for every organization she belonged to. Serving in many offices and lastly as President of the Ela Historical Society for the past five years, many advancements were made in the Ela Historical Society due to her efforts which included the project of moving their operations from the basement of the Town Hall building up to the first floor and developing a very nice display and organizational area. In 1996 Gloria was the photo editor for the book, *Lake Zurich Centennial, One Hundred Years of a Midwestern Village*, by Spencer Loomis. She also volunteered in the Lake Zurich Schools showing slides and teaching students about local history.

Gloria will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to know this strong woman who so generously gave her talents, her knowledge, her laughter, and her time to all who crossed her path.

Ela Township Officials



(left to right) Brian Burch, Mimi Black,Bill Kruckenberg, Kimberly Tinerella, David Knudtson, Lucy Prouty,Mike Sullivan and Pamela Hoffman.

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